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The present invention defines a method and device for controlling a zonally operated elevator installation which are not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed references.

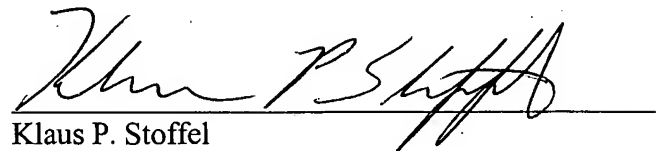
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